for its approval. The implementation of the Turn Around Plan is expected to make the NTC mills viable. NTC is expected to be able to clear the dues of Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board on implementation of the revised Turn Around Strategy.

Undcr-Utilisation of Tourism Market

2005. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's tourism market is under utilised at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some effective measures in this regard to give big push in tourism sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM) (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the statistical data made available by the World Tourism Organisation, for the year 1994, India's share of World Tourism is only 0.36%

(c) and (d) The measures taken to boost tourism include(a) Augmentation of Infrastructural Facilities in major tourist centres in a co-ordinated manner by pooling the resources of the Centre, State and Private sectors; (b) Provision of basic amenities and beautification around important tourist Heritage Centres; (c) Development of Tourism on a regional circuit basis; (d) Promote special thematic tourism, viz., Adventure Tourism, Sports Tourism, Budhist Circuit Tourism, Yoga and Ayurvedic Tourism, etc; (e) Promoting Wild Life Sancturies in India; (f) Promotion of Pilgrim Tourism as India has a number of pilgrim centres connected with various religions, such as, 'Hinduism, Islam, Catholic, Buddhists, Sikhism and Jainism.' These are frequented by a large number of pilgrims both from India and abroad; (g) Providing a package of incentives for private investment in tourism related activities; (h) Augmentation of transport facilities including special trains, such as, Palace on Wheels, Shatabdis, etc; (i) Developing adequate man-power resources in all sectors connected with tourism; (j) Implementing aggressive and effective marketing and promotional strategies in the major tourism generating countries.

Income Tax deduction at source

2006. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the impact of subscription to various saving schemes, including Mutual Funds and those of UTI after the proposal regarding deduction of income tax at the rate of 20 per cent at source was implemented;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the deduction of income tax at source is proving a discouraging factor in the formation of savings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The provisions under Section 194-K regarding deduction of income tax at source in respect of income from Units.of Mutual Funds and of UTI have been introduced with effect from 1.7.1995. It is too early to assess the impact of these provisions.

(c) Incentives/concessions or disincentives basically alter the composition of savings rather than the volume or overall level. For promoting savings it is imperative to improve the parameters which have a bearing .on savings behaviour. These include rate of growth in the economy, level of fiscal deficit, tax policies, inflation, efficiency of banking system and the capital markets and confidence in the economy. The various economic reform measures undertaken so far are expected to have a